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NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

On the 25th November, 1898, at Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. H. C. HODGES, M.A., Minister, eldest son of Frederick HODGES of Brighton, to Betty, eldest daughter of John F. MACRAE, M.D., of Brighton.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, December 3rd 1898.

THE determination of the United States to

retain the Philippines renders the early

laying of a telegraph cable across the Pacific

a certainty. A Washington press dispatch

of the 19th November states that the United

States representatives on the Peace Com-

mission sitting at Paris had been instructed

to acquire one of the Caroline Islands by

purchase from Spain, to be used as an in-

termediary station for the Pacific cable, and

goes on to lay down the proposed route of

the cable, namely, from Hongkong to Manila

to the northern part of the Philippines, thence

to one of the islands in the northern Caroline

Group, thence to the Hawaiian Islands, and

thence to the United States. As there

is already a cable from Hongkong to Manila

it hardly seems probable that the United

States should wish to lay another on that

section. There are, moreover, agreements

in existence which place restrictions on the

landing of cables in Hongkong, the Eastern

Extension Company being possessed of what

is virtually an exclusive privilege. Possibly

however, that Company may be entrusted

with the work of laying the American cable

across the Pacific and an agreement may be

entered into regarding the future operation of

the line, in which case probably no difficulty

would be raised as to the landing of the

cable in Hongkong, should it be decided to

continue it to this point; but if the new line

THE HONGKONG RAILWAY

ARRIVAL OF TRANSPORTS "ARIZONA" AND "OHIO" WITH OVER 2,000 TROOPS.

Month, 27th November.

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has kept the excitement at fever heat during

the last three days. The idea is widespread among

the "veteran volunteers" who came over in

time for work in the trenches that the coming

of the latest addition means to them a speedy

return home. In spite of disconcerting rumors

from headquarters and the opinion of those who

are watching the movements of the troops in

the States, the boys will have it that they are

headed for home in time for New Year's

celebration.

The Arizona made a record trip of fourteen

days from Honolulu and carried off a battery of

the First Nebraska Infantry under Acting

Major Kilham, third battalion of the 18th

U.S. Infantry, a battalion of recruits for the

10th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and a number of

volunteers for the 1st Colorado Volunteers. The

total number of passengers was 1,021, all well

and very little sickness on the voyage. The

transport Ohio, twenty-eight days from San

Francisco, brought the 1st Washington (Pacific

Coast) Volunteer Regiment under Colonel

Whitely, a few extra recruits for the California

Heavy Artillery, and a large cargo of supplies

and provisions.

The Indiana is expected every day with the

24th Kansas Volunteers and recruits for some

of the regiments here, and according to the

sailing dates the Indiana will not be far behind

the Arizona and Ohio.

At the Magistrate's yesterday morning an

order was made by Magistrate Hastings (Judge

of the Court of the first Division) that

formerly a sergeant in the Naval Artillery, who

was found dead on a bench in the Star Hotel

on Thursday evening. He had been taken into

the hotel in the afternoon and had been found

to fall on the pavement outside. The man had

been drinking heavily, and a post mortem

examination showed the stomach to be full of raw

meat. The verdict was that death was due to

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A cricket match, Hon. T. S. Sorensen Smith's

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